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BRITISH TROOPS ROUT TURKS ON BANKS OF SUEZ CANAL

Russians Begin General Invasion of Hungary Thru Carpathians

URGE FURTHER HELP FOR LIVE STOCK RAISERS

Hon. Martin Burrell Felt Warranteed in Placing Request Before Cabinet.

WILL AID LARGER FAIRS

Farmers Receive Tributes for Patriotism and Keenness at Big Banquet.

"Patriotism and Production," not to mention consumption, was the motto of the big dinner given in the banquet hall of the King Edward Hotel last night by the Canadian agricultural and live stock interests. The occasion was one of the highest importance, and was graced by the presence of many of the leading men of the country in these pursuits. The menu itself was an example of Canadian produce, with the legend—"All grown in Canada." The Lieutenant-Governor, Col. Hendrie, was in the chair, giving way to William Smith, M.P., at the end of the third toast. At the guest table there were: Hon Martin Burrell, Hon. Justice Riddell, Sir Adam Beck, Mayor Church, Hon. James Duff, E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., Peter White, Robert Miller, Sir William Mulock, Hon. W. C. Sutherland, Sir John Willison, David Johnston, M.L.A., J. W. Flavelle, William Smith, M.P., C. C. James C.B., Hon. W. H. Hearst and N. W. Rowell, K.C.

Farmers Given Praise.

Hon. Martin Burrell thought the keenness to the farmers in facing the present problems was one of the most cheering features of the situation. In some mysterious way, he said, some people had come to think that the government could turn out unlimited quantities of money when required. He thought that many of the banks had dealt with farmers liberally, but the idea of big dividends should be relegated to second place, and an attitude of generosity towards the honest farmer should be maintained, even to the point of studied prudence. The government had a great problem in the drought-stricken districts of the west, and had to provide an enormous quantity of seed grain. It was satisfactory to know that the soil and moisture conditions were more favorable than they had been for years. When a man knew how to handle his soil so as to get a good grain crop he was getting into line for successful mixed farming.

Improve Flocks and Herds.

Having dealt briefly with the educational side of farming, the minister of agriculture said it would be the duty of farmers more than ever to bring their flocks and herds up to the highest standard. He felt warranted in placing before the finance minister and his colleagues the reasons for still further assistance to this industry. The live stock appropriation would be increased sufficiently to assist the larger fair associations, whose shows are open in all classes of live stock to the whole of Canada. Concluding with some patriotic remarks, he reminded the farmers that the war was Canada's war, and he appealed on higher grounds than that it would pay them to extend their activities. They must do their full share in maintaining the institutions, the liberties and the civilization whose blessings they shared today.

Patriotic songs were sung by Ruthven Macdonald, his topical verse added to the Blake and Van Tromp song being a great hit and lustily encored.

Peter White of Pembroke made a snappy speech in which he asked why the farmer could not get loans from the banks like other men. If there was a reason it should be told.

Bank Act to Blame.

E. F. B. Johnston, K. C., told it later on in replying to the toast of "Finance," declaring that the bank act did not permit banks to do more than they were doing, and suggesting that the government should remedy this defect in the act and allow farmers to give the security of their possessions. Mr. Johnston thought no class was treated with more generosity than the farmers so far as legal security could be obtained.

Mr. White believed the press should do more to encourage farming interests. A cow might take a world championship in Ottawa and no paper mention the fact, but a quarter of a second off a running record was cabled everywhere. Contracts he said, were being lost because Canadians could could not assemble the material at the place, in the time required and give a price. Organization was needed.

Hon. W. C. Sutherland spoke on agricultural education.

W. H. Moore and D. B. Hanna replied to the toast of "Transportation."

Mr. Johnston followed, and among other things said: "Back to the farm is an enticing motto, but there was no use in a farmer putting in 150 acres of wheat when he can only get help to harvest fifty."

J. W. Flavelle also spoke to this toast, and Sir John Willison for "The Press."

GERMAN AIRCRAFT SEEN OVER SWISS TERRITORY

Aeroplane Flew Twice Over Bonfol, Fifteen Miles South of Altkirch.

Canadian Press Despatch.

BASEL, Switzerland, Feb. 3, via Paris, 6.30 p.m.—Reports received here say that a German aeroplane today, twice in succession, flew over the Town of Bonfol, Switzerland, about 15 miles south of Altkirch, Alsace. The aeroplane was fired upon by Swiss infantrymen, but was not hit.

GREEKS MOBILIZING FRONTIERS FORTIFIED

Berlin Paper Publishes Sensational Report From Turkish Capital.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Feb. 3, 9 p.m.—A wireless despatch from Berlin says The Berliner Tageblatt reports from Constantinople that Greece is industriously making mobilization preparations and continuing the fortification of her frontiers.

ENGLAND CLEANED UP ALL ALIEN RESIDENTS

Number Released After Their Records Had Been Investigated by Police.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Baron Lucas, replying for the government in the British House of Commons, to questions concerning alien enemies, said that, exclusive of prisoners of war, 18,259 alies, all males, had been interned in the United Kingdom. Of these 1916 were released subsequently, with the consent of the war office, after their records had been investigated by the police

DEMOCRATS AT SEA ON PURCHASE BILL

Measure Said by Republican Senators to Be Doomed in House.

ALL PLANS FALL THRU

Administration Leaders Still Profess Hope of Getting Out of Difficulty.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Plans of administration Democrats to save the government ship purchase bill went awry today in the senate, but champions of the measure had not abandoned hope of success in an effort to recommit the bill tomorrow with definite instructions for its amendment.

The revolting Democrats flatly refused to accept the concessions of the majority agreed upon in the secret caucus last night, and the majority leaders discovered early in the day that they could not muster enough votes for their program to defeat the coalition of Republicans and insurgent Democrats seeking to send the bill to committee without instructions to be pigeon-holed for the session.

Senator Stone of Missouri delivered a long speech on the floor of the senate, bitterly arraigning the "recreant Democrats who had endeavored to unhorse their party."

Hope to Pull Thru.

Administration leaders were hopeful tonight that they would be able to muster enough votes tomorrow to recommit the bill, with instructions for its return within 48 hours, with amendments to limit to one year the term for which the government under the proposed law might lease ships to private corporations, and to prohibit the purchase of ships which might menace the neutrality of the country.

Republican senators, however, felt confident that they could recommit the bill without instructions.

In any event, the Republican leaders insist that the bill cannot reach a vote at this session. Should the effort to amend the bill and return it within 48 hours succeed, they declare, the Republican attack will be resumed and kept up until the measure either is withdrawn or is killed by the adjournment of congress on March 4.

Coon Coats Selling Like Hot Cakes.

The number of these coats sold by Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, is indeed wonderful at first glance, but in consideration of the sensational price-cutting, it is not particularly surprising. Every fur garment is offered at prices that are truly astounding and should be taken advantage of without hesitation. For instance, full furred coon coats worth $90 are now selling for $65; another line of most serviceable coats worth $45 now reduced to $25. These are chances that cannot be approached in Canada, and the men of Toronto and far beyond are coming after them with eagerness.

RUSSIANS BEGIN GRAND ATTACK ON AUSTRIANS

Czar's Southern Army Takes Offensive Along Entire Front in Carpathians.

MANY PERSONS TAKEN

Defenders of Hungary Lose Hope and Resist Invasion Half-Heartedly.

(By Frederick Rennett, Correspondent of The London Daily News and The Toronto World.)

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 3.—With the successful Russian advance on the Hungarian side of the Carpathians, behind the sources of the San River, the period of elaborate reconnaissances is over and the southern army has taken the offensive along the entire front from below Dukla Pass to th east of the Beskid Mountains. The Austrians have lost hope and are yielding important positions with scarcely any show of resistance.

The Russian column, which crossed the broad main ridge east of Yaslisk, seized a battery of six guns, with their ammunition intact, besides two bomb-throwing mortars and a quantity of machine guns, before the Austrian forces could bring them into action. Detachments of Germans are among the prisoners taken during the advance both in the Uschok region and the eastern Beskids.

German Plans Go Wrong.

The only visible counter-demonstration from the Austrian side has been the increased activity of artillery fire along the line near Dunajetz, but all sectional attempts at an offensive there were destroyed in a few hours. Gen. Von Hindenburg seems to realize that the campaign of 1915 is beginning very badly for his strategy. His personal quarters are established at Lenckza, about twenty miles north of Lodz. He is living in a hotel, and Prince Joachim of Prussia occupies a neighboring doctor's house. Their supplies are brought from Kalisch on the frontier. Their position is becoming insecure thru the determined Russian advance north of the Vistula. Germans are now pressed further back in that region than they have been at any time since the commencement of the present invasion from Thorn at the beginning of December. They keep an unsteady hold on Lipno, twenty miles from the Prussian frontier and their four corps which recently introduced themselves between the Vistula and Mlawa are all drawing north as a consequence of the continued westward pressure from the Russian army moving north of the Mazurian Lakes.

Von Mackensen Beaten.

As General Von Hindenburg abhors inaction he has been driven to repeat his disastrous frontal attacks on the line of Russian entrenched positions westward of Rawka. General Von Mackensen again turned full blast with his heavy and light artillery and best infantry upon Bolimow, Monday and yesterday, with even less success than on Sunday. The Russians after desperate bayonet fighting recaptured the southern section of the front entrenchments which the Germans held Sunday night. The fight for a farm south of Gumin continued all Monday and re-commenced at daylight yesterday.

The Russians in Central Poland are withstanding these monotonous positional onslaughts with unflinching steadiness in the knowledge that their armies in the north and south have definitely grasped the initiative from the enemy and are forcing the campaign in East Prussia and Hungary into a situation which must mean the final ruin of the second invasion of Poland.

PORTUGUESE TROOPS LEAVE FOR ANGOLA

Departing Soldiers Given Hearty Cheers by Crowds at Lisbon

Canadian Press Despatch.

LISBON, via Paris, Feb. 3.—An additional contingent of troops has sailed for Angola, Portuguese West Africa. The ministers of marine and of the colonies inspected the troops before their departure. Large crowds of people cheered the soldiers.

A Berlin despatch says a large portion of Angola is in German hands.

"The Quaker Girl" Popular.

The delightful English musical comedy, "The Quaker Girl," is playing to almost capacity business at the Princess Theatre this week, which demonstrates that local playgoers appreciate its charming atmosphere and general qualities.

ENEMY UNABLE TO WITHSTAND BRITISH RUSHES

Fresh Attack at Quinchy Ended in a Decisive Defeat.

RETREAT PRECIPITATE

British Seized Every Commanding Slice of Enemy's Trenches.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

PICARDY, Feb. 3.—Once more the little Village of Cuinchy, between Bethune and La Bassee, has been the scene of a desperate struggle. The fresh effort was heralded by a violent bombardment with "Jack Johnsons" and a fusillade of grenades from the German trenches. Then out poured the enemy in massed formation along the road, and enough remained of them to drive in the advance posts and to compel the allies to fall back from the front line of trenches, but the British, reinforced after their losses in the same region a week ago, by a series of brisk rushes soon disposed of those of the enemy who faced them. The majority of the Germans broke in disorder as the troops came at them with the bayonet, and, spreading confusion in the ranks of their own supports, enabled the British to seize every commanding slice of their trenches.

In the affair the British losses were slight, compared with those of last week.

In all these encounters the French have co-operated splendidly in resisting the enemy's plan to break thru.

EXTRADITION SURE FOR DYNAMITARD

Request of Canada to Hand Over Von Horn Has Sympathy of Officials.

NO TROUBLE EXPECTED

Fact of Accused Being German Will Not Help Him in Any Way.

Special to The Toronto World.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Ambassador Spring-Rice late today conveyed to the state department, Great Britain's request for the extradition of Wernes Van Horn, the self-confessed dynamiter, who yesterday made a spectacular attempt to blow up the international railway bridge at St. Croix, N.B. The request for extradition was communicated to the British embassy here from Ottawa.

At the state department, it was said there seemed nothing out of the ordinary in the situation which Van Horn has created by his deed and that in due course, following an investigation by a United States commissioner to be designated by the department of justice, Van Horn would be turned over to the Canadian autnorities in the same manner as any other alleged criminal charged with an offense of extraditable character.

Little Faith in Van Horn.

The state department is not disposed to place much faith in the claim advanced by Van Horn himself that his offense was a military act or political offense, and therefore under the existing extradition treaty with Great Britain, not extraditable.

That any international complication can possibly grow out of the act is not anticipated and the state department is earnest in its assertion that the fact of Van Horn's being a German subject will not help him either way. If his act transpires to be a part of a general German plot, official and political in character, he must be punished for violation of the American neutrality laws, and if the investigation discloses that he is not thus implicated he must be surrendered to Great Britain as an ordinary fugitive from justice.

WARNING TO U. S. POLICE.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Alluding to the dynamiting of the Vanceboro bridge, The Pall Mall editorially says today: "It is exceedingly likely that the insane ferocity thus displayed in Canadian territory may yet manifest itself in the United States propaganda, of which Von Horn's crime is the result. It needs all the watching the American police can give it."

Turks' Effort to Cross Suez Canal Disastrous

Enemy Abandoned Bridging Material in Precipitate Flight When Attacked by British Troops — British Victorious in Two Other Clashes.

Canadian Press Despatch.

CAIRO, via London, Feb. 3, 11.20 p.m.—The following official communication was issued here today:

"During Tuesday night the enemy attempted to cross the Suez Canal near Toussoum (thirty-five miles north of Suez). They were permitted to bring bridging material to the bank of the canal unmolested, but directly they started bridging operations our troops attacked and the enemy fled in disorder, leaving all the material in our hands. Several of the enemy were drowned.

"The enemy also attacked on the El-Kantara front (40 miles south of Port Said), at daylight today. They were easily repulsed, losing 16 killed or wounded and 40 prisoners. Our casualties were three men wounded."

British forces had a skirmish with Turks yesterday in the neighborhood of Ismailia, on Lake Timsah, on the Suez Canal. The Turks finally retreated. The British had six men wounded. The engagement occurred during a sandstorm, but the shooting by the Turks, both with rifles and with artillery, was bad.

SWITZERLAND READY TO FIGHT FOR FOOD

Minister to Italy Gives Three Reasons Why His Country Would Fight

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

GENEVA, Feb. 3. The new Swiss minister to Italy, M. De Planta, made an important statement to Rome papers declaring that Switzerland was ready to fight for her food, neutrality or no neutrality. De Planta said:

"Our national organization essentially is defensive and neutrality which we always observed cannot be broken except in three cases.

1. A violation of this neutrality by a third party.

2. An attempt on our territorial integrity.

3. A menace to starve us by preventing food from reaching across our frontiers."

This is the first time a Swiss in his official capacity has stated that Switzerland would consider the stoppage of food supplies a Casus Belli. Swiss papers strongly uphold him.

GERMAN TORPEDO BOAT WAS SUNK IN BALTIC

Russian Submarine's Success Off Danish Coast is Officially Reported

Canadian Press Despatch.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 3.—It is officially announced that a Russian submarine on Jan. 29 sank a German torpedo boat off Cape Moen, Denmark.

Canadian Press Despatch.

PARIS, Feb. 3, 3.20 p.m.—An official statement from Petrograd, as transmitted by the Havas Agency, says that a German torpedo boat destroyer was sunk by a Russian submarine in the Baltic on Jan. 29. The submarine attack was made off the Danish Islands of Moen.

Two or three German warships in the Baltic have suffered at the hands of the Russians within a week. The German protected cruiser Gazelle was torpedoed near the Island of Reugen and was taken to the port of Sassnitz badly damaged. A London despatch last night said that a German gunboat had been sunk in the Baltic.

HALF-HOLIDAY GIVEN TO LETTER-CARRIERS

Postmaster - General Passed Order-in-Council to That Effect

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, Feb 3.—The postmaster-general has passed an order-in-council granting all letter-carriers, permanent and temporary, actually employed as such, delivering letters on the street, a half-holiday on Saturday afternoons during the months of July and August of each year.

LAST OF BOER REBELS SURRENDER TO BRITISH

Canadian Press Despatch.

CAPETOWN, Feb. 3, via London, Feb. 4, 1.45 a.m.—It is officially announced that Lieut.-Col. Kemp and his commando of Boer rebels have surrendered to the British forces.

MONTAGUE CHOSEN TO SUCCEED MASTERMAN

Other Minor Changes in Asquith Ministry—By-Elections to Be Uncontested.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Edwin S. Montagu, member of parliament for Cambridgeshire West, has been appointed chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in succession to Sir Charles Frederick Gurney Masterman, who, having been unable to win a seat in the lower house, resigned his portfolio a few days ago.

Cecil Bishop Harmsworth, son of the late Alfred Harmsworth, member for Bedfordshire South, has been made under secretary to the home office. Walter R. Rea and Arthur C. Beck have been made junior lords of the treasury.

These new appointments will involve by-elections in the cases of Montagu, Rea and Beck, but in view of a party truce they are not likely to be contested.

Francis Dyke Acland, parliamentary under-secretary to the foreign office, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Montagu as financial secretary of the treasury.

FOE FIRED TORPEDO AT HOSPITAL SHIP

British Commons Informed That German Submarine Defied Hague Conventions.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Feb. 3. — (3.07 p.m.) — Thos. J. MacNamara, parliamentary secretary of the admiralty, announced in the house of commons today that the admiralty had received a telegram on the subject of the reported German attempt to torpedo the British hospital ship Asturias, as announced by the French ministry of marine yesterday.

Mr. MacNamara told the house of commons that the telegram received by the admiralty stated that a submarine, with its conning tower showing, fired a torpedo at the Asturias at 5 p.m. on Feb. 1, but that the torpedo missed its mark.

The Asturias, he said, was painted white with a green band and red crosses, which were illuminated, as provided for in the regulations adopted at The Hague. Notification also was sent to the belligerents that the Asturias was to be used as a hospital ship, in accordance with the agreement adopted at The Hague in 1907, under which hospital ships thus designated were to be immune from attack or capture during the course of hostilities.

"It is interesting to know," said the secretary, "that the first name on the list of those who expressed adherence to this convention was that of the German Emperor."

The neutral powers, he added, would be notified of the fact, "but," said he, "the civilized world needs no representation of ours to enhance its sense of horror at this wanton outrage."

AUXILIARY CRUISER SUNK BY AUSTRALIA

British Cruiser's Exploit Off Patagonia—Crew Taken to Falkland Islands

Canadian Press Despatch.

BUENOS AYRES, Feb. 3.—Buenos Ayres newspapers announce that a German auxiliary cruiser, formerly of the Woermann Line, was sunk on Jan. 7 off the Patagonian coast by the British cruiser Australia. The crew were taken to the Falkland Islands.

GERMANS FIND RUSSIAN LINES SOLID BARRIER

Drive on Warsaw Has Every Appearance of Forlorn Hope.

ATTEMPTING DIVERSION

Evident Object is to Relieve East Prussia and Hungary.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—10.30 p.m.—With comparative quiet prevailing on the western front, the fighting in the east which is more strenuous and widespread, monopolizes attention.

While the Russians are on the offensive in east Prussia, northwestern Poland and in the passes of the Carpathians, the Germans continue their attacks on the Russian lines along the Bzura and Rawka rivers. The invaders reached the Rawka line about the middle of December, and since that time have made at least half a dozen attacks in force against Russian trenches, each time at undoubted heavy cost.

Nothing daunted, however, they have been repeating the attacks during the past week and while they have made a slight advance, it has been accomplished only after further great losses, according to the reports from Petrograd. Now it is believed that the Germans are preparing for still another onslaught for only by compelling the Russians to strengthen their lines protecting Warsaw, can they hope to divert the Russian attacks from East Prussia and Hungary.

Task Almost Hopeless.

Military men here hold to the belief that the Germans are attempting what seems virtually impossible in their efforts to force their way thru to Warsaw. The Rawka and Bzura lines, which they have been attacking for six weeks, are exceedingly strong, for on the right banks of the rivers, which the Russians for the most part hold, the ground is considerably higher than on the left bank, so that the Russian infantry and artillery have a decided advantage.

Should the Germans break thru this barrier, there is another line of entrenchments half way between the Bzura and Warsaw, with Blonie as the centre, which would have to be forced before the Polish capital fell. In the Carpathians the Austrians and the Germans are offering vigorous resistance to the Russians and a decision has not yet been reached in the battle which has been in progress there for some days.

The statement in the Russian official report, that there has been fighting to the southeast of Uzsok Pass, in the interior of the Dukla Pass and to the southeast of Beskid Pass, indicates the extent of the struggle for the possession of these strategic points.

NOT DECLARE COTTON CONTRABAND OF WAR

Requirements of Great Britain Adequately Safeguarded at Present Time.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—(1.05 p.m.)—Replying in the house of commons to Sir John D. Rees, Unionist member for Notts, who urged that cotton should be declared contraband of war, Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary of war, said the requirements of Great Britain had been adequately safeguarded, so far as the war office could see at present.

The authorities, according to Mr. Tennant, believed that Germany had a sufficient supply of cotton for her requirements, and that, therefore, to place the staple in the list of contraband was not necessary from the belligerent point of view. Mr. Tennant added that other interests were involved which it would not be desirable touch upon at present.

CHICAGO BAKERS RAISE THE PRICE OF BREAD

Master Bakers Deny Action Was Due to Any Recommendation of Theirs

Canadian Press Despatch.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—The price of bread was increased to six cents a loaf today by many more bakers, and the weight of the loaves in some cases was reduced, it was reported by the city dealers.

This action was not due to any recommendation by the National Association of Master Bakers, it was asserted by J. M. Bell, secretary, who said he had been misquoted last week to the effect that the association had endorsed a plan to advance the price of bread to six cents.